



MT-060 Squadron Newsletter

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*"If a man does his best,
what else is there?"*
**General George S.
Patton**

*"When placed in command
-- take charge."*
Norman Schwarzkopf

Leadership Quotes of the Month

"Power lasts 10 years, influence not more than a hundred."

-Korean proverb

"Hope is what you find in the woods when there was nothing before. But as the people began walking in the same place, there appeared the path."

- Chinese proverb

"There is nothing more difficult and dangerous, or more doubtful of success, than an attempt to introduce a new order of things in any state. For the innovator has for enemies all those who derived advantages from the old order of things while those who expect to be benefited by the new institutions will be but lukewarm defenders."

- Niccolo Machiavelli

I admire the Good Samaritan for picking up people on the side of the road, but I don't want to be the Good Samaritan. I want to fix the road to Jericho, so people don't get beat up there.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Message from the Commander 1st Lt. Hoffman

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! It was a good year and we accomplished much as a squadron. I'm looking forward to 2006 and all of the fun activities we have planned.

Some goals for the Cadets: I'd like to see all three of our cadet staff receive their Mitchell Award this year. I'm hopeful that the cadet staff will take an active role in mentoring the cadet squadron and I'd like to see more frequent promotions among the Cadet Enlisted. Our Cadet Staff is hosting a Winter SAREX in Helena on February 18-19. I'd like to encourage all of our cadets to attend this valuable training.

Some goals for the Senior Members: I'd like to see all of our Senior Members certified in Cadet Programs. I'd also encourage all Senior Members to work towards the Yeager Award. We will be hosting a Unit Commanders Course in Helena on January 21-22. I'd encourage all Senior Member Commanders to take advantage of this training opportunity. It would also be beneficial to have all of our Senior Members participate in the Winter SAREX as senior support is greatly needed. See you in 2006!

Air Force Medal of Honor Recipient

<https://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil/PopTopics/MOH-bios/Wilbanks.html>

Captain Hilliard A. Wilbanks

On Feb. 24, 1967, Captain Hilliard A. Wilbanks, a forward air controller, was dispatched in an unarmed O-1 Bird Dog aircraft to assist in an operation against enemy forces attacking near Dalat, South Vietnam.

While flying reconnaissance for a South Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, Captain Wilbanks discovered hostile units concealed on two hilltops. He promptly called in helicopter gunships by radio and alerted the Rangers advancing into the area.

Realizing that their ambush was being compromised, the enemy reacted with a barrage from mortars, machine guns, and automatic weapons. Captain Wilbanks received much of this fire as he marked the enemy positions with white phosphorus rockets for the gunships. He himself opened fire with an M-16 rifle that he carried in his plane when he spotted forward Ranger squads that were pinned down and about to be overrun. Firing out of the side window of his O-1, Captain Wilbanks distracted the enemy troops and momentarily slowed their advance.

The outnumbered Rangers were afforded a chance to withdraw as the attackers diverted their fire against the low-flying aircraft. Despite the hits being scored on his plane, Captain Wilbanks persisted in covering the withdrawal. On his third pass, he was severely wounded and crashed in the battle area. The Rangers managed to rescue Captain Wilbanks from the wreckage of his plane, but he died while being evacuated to a hospital.

For his heroic support of the Rangers, Captain Wilbanks was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The presentation was made to his widow by Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., Jan. 24, 1968.

Squadron Profile: Cadet Commander Tidbit

Cadet Commander Appointment

The cadet commander is appointed by the squadron commander.

The position is not an elective office.

1-2. CADET ORGANIZATION AND STAFF.

a. The cadet staff is part of the organizational structure shown in CAPR 20-1, Organization of Civil Air Patrol. Although the squadron is the basic unit of CAP, it may be subdivided into flights and each flight may be subdivided into a maximum of four elements. An element leader commands each element and the flight has a flight commander, flight sergeant and a guide.

b. The cadet commander of the squadron is appointed by the squadron commander and has cadet officers on his or her staff and one first sergeant. Any cadet may fill a cadet staff position without regard to the cadet's grade. However, service as a Phase I or Phase II cadet in these staff positions will not be credited toward the staff officer requirements in Phases III and IV. Unit commanders may keep cadet command and staff positions vacant until such time as cadets obtain appropriate grades and maturity.

c. Any cadet may be appointed to positions at group, wing, region and national levels with the appropriate commander's approval.

d. Commanders should encourage the maximum use of their cadets both in planning and conducting the Cadet Program. Commanders, or their designated senior members, are responsible for providing the adult leadership and supervision necessary for the cadets to achieve their missions and goals.



Squadron Positions

Squadron Commander

Special Advisor to the Commander
Squadron Vice Commander

1st Lt. Shelly Hoffman
Maj. Rob Hoffman
1st Lt. Duane Lund

Deputy Commander of Seniors

Aerospace Education Officer
Communications Officer
Finance Officer
Supply and Logistics Officer
Emergency Services Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Recruiting and Retention Officer
Drug Demand Reduction
Moral Leadership Officer
Safety Officer
Personnel Officer
Professional Development

1st Lt. Dennis Coulson
Vacant
2d Lt. Carlyn Bunegar
Pending
Pending
Pending
1st Lt. Shelly Hoffman
Maj. Rob Hoffman
SM Drenda Carlson
1st Lt. Duane Lund
1st Lt. Dennis Coulson
2d Lt. Carolan Bunegar
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Deputy Commander of Cadets

Leadership Officer
Activities Officer
Cadet Programs Aerospace Officer

Capt. Gil Johnson
Maj. Rob Hoffman
Vacant
Pending

Cadet Commander

Cadet Deputy Commander
Cadet Executive Officer
Cadet Flight Commander
Cadet First Sergeant
Cadet Flight Sergeant
Element Leaders

C/2d Lt. Ashley Smith
Vacant
C/MSgt Matthew Roddewig
Vacant
C/SSgt Spencer Gilchrist
C/SSgt Casey Johnson
Pending

Anniversaries and Promotions

Cadet Caleb Cruze 2 years

SM Carolan Bunegar 2d Lt.

January Schedule:

January 5, 2006 Thursday

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 2000 DDR/Leadership Presentation
 2000 – 2030 Cadet Staff Presentation
 2030 – 2045 Flight Time
 2045 – 2055 Squadron Closing Formation

January 12, 2006 Thursday

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 2000 Cadet Physical Fitness
 2000 – 2050 Team Building Exercises
 2050 – 2055 Squadron Closing Formation

January 19, 2006 Thursday

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 1930 Aerospace Education
 1930 – 1945 Safety Briefing
 1945 – 2050 Moral Leadership
 2050 – 2100 Squadron Closing Formation

January 26, 2006 Thursday

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 1930 Aerospace Education
 1930 – 2050 Flight Time
 2050 – 2100 Squadron Closing Formation

Aircraft Identification Quiz

What are these aircraft?



Squadron Events Photo Gallery

Photos Taken By Bernie Connor



Major Rob Hoffman and 1st Lt Shelly Johnson were married on 9 DEC 05 at the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte, Montana.



Chaplain 1st Lt Jeff Jones proposes a toast with non-alcoholic sparkling cider.



A toast to the new bride and groom.

Helena Squadron Christmas party held on
22 DEC 05. Photos were taken by Major
Hoffman.



Helena seniors supervise the food line.

Squadron members enjoy the food
spread.



Cadets wish Captain Johnson a Happy
Birthday.

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